

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4527–S4601

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 848–870, S. Res. 108–110, and S. Con. Res. 18.

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Measures Passed:

Commending Captain Richard Phillips, The “Maersk Alabama” Crew, and U.S. Armed Forces: Senate agreed to S. Res. 108, commending Captain Richard Phillips, the crew of the “Maersk Alabama”, and the U.S. Armed Forces, recognizing the growing problem of piracy off Somalia’s coast, and urging the development of a comprehensive strategy to address piracy and its root causes.

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Congratulating University of North Carolina Tar Heels Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 110, congratulating the University of North Carolina Tar Heels basketball team for winning the 2008–2009 NCAA men’s basketball championship.

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World Malaria Day: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 18, supporting the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day, and reaffirming U.S. leadership and support for efforts to combat malaria.

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Measures Considered:

Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to Federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Leahy/Grassley Modified Amendment No. 993, to clarify the amendments relating to major fraud.

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By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 160), Kyl Amendment No. 985, to modify the definition of the term “obligation”.

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By 92 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 161), Isakson Amendment No. 995, to establish the Financial Markets Commission.

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Dorgan/McCain Amendment No. 999, to establish a select committee of the Senate to make a thorough and complete study and investigation of the facts and circumstances giving rise to the economic crisis facing the United States and to make recommendations to prevent a future recurrence of such a crisis.

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Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 984, to increase funding for certain HUD programs to assist individuals to better withstand the current mortgage crisis.

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Inhofe Amendment No. 996 (to Amendment No. 984), to amend title 4, U.S. Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States.

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Vitter Amendment No. 991, to authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

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Boxer Amendment No. 1000, to authorize monies for the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program to audit and investigate recipients of non-recourse Federal loans under the Public Private Investment Program and the Term Asset Loan Facility.

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Kyl Amendment No. 986, to limit the amount that may be deducted from proceeds due to the United States under the False Claims Act for purposes of compensating private intervenors to the greater of \$50,000,000 or 300 percent of the expenses and cost of the intervenor.

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Coburn Amendment No. 982, to authorize the use of TARP funds to cover the costs of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 23, 2009.

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Appointments:

The following appointment was made on Monday, April 20, 2009: